SHORTAGE OF CEMENT IN THE STATE

*Q.—338 Sri G. SHIVAPPA (Chitradurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether it has come to their notice that there is acute shortage of cement in the State for construction of houses, etc., by the public ;

(*b*) the action taken by the Government so for in the matter ?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes ; a few complaints have been received.

(*b*) The Controller of Civil Supplies in Mysore has brought to the notice of the Regional Cement Officer of the State Trading Corporation and the Railway authorities the shortage of cement at certain points of the State and is urging them to remedy the situation.

Sri G. SHIVAPPA.—May I know the reasons for the short supplly and what measures Government have taken to over come this difficulty?

†Sri B. D. JATTI.—Sir, for the years 58, 59 and 60 there was no difficulty. Difficulties arose in the month of January, February and March because the work were in full speed. During 1961 there was some anxiety because the Sharavati project consumed more cement and Government of India suggested a cut. This cut is less than 50. That is why, we are having that shortage and regarding action taken by Government for getting more quota early, we have written to the railway authorities because at times there will be shortage of waggons and engines. There are difficulties also and we are trying to solve them.

Sri G. SHIVAPPA.—Am I understand that there is over-all shortage of cement in the State ?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—We are using more cement than that is allowed to our State ; so, there some difficulty.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಜಿ. ನರಸಿಹೇಗಾಡ.—ಮೈಸೂರು ಸ್ಟೇಟಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮೂರು ಸಿಮೆಂಟು ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿಗಳಿಂದಲೂ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಿಮೆಂಟು ದೊರೆಯುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ನಮ್ಮಕ್ಕೆ ಈಗಿರುವ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿಯ ಕ್ಯಪಾಸಿಟಿಯಿಂದ ಕೂಡ 5,17,000 ಟನ್ನುಗಳಷ್ಟು ಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಟರಿಗಳು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ನಮಗೆ ಅಷ್ಟೇನು ತೊಂದರೆ ಕಾಣಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ರಾಮಪ್ಪ.—ನಿಜವಾಗಿ ಷಾರ್ಟೇಜ್ ಅಷ್ಟು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಎರಡು ಅಥವಾ ನಾಲ್ಕು ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳನ್ನು ಜಾಸ್ತಿಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಎಷ್ಟು ಬೇಕಾದರೂ ಕ್ವಾಂಟಿಟಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕುತ್ತದೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಗೊತ್ತಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಡಿ. ಜತ್ತಿ.—ಎಲ್ಲಾದರೂ ಎರಡು ಮೂರು ಇನ್‌ಸ್ಟೆನ್ಸಸ್ ಆರೀತಿ ಇರಬಹುದು. ಆದರೆ ನಮಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದಂತಹ ಭಾಗವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾರ್ಕೆಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕುದೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Is it not a fact the shortage of cement is felt more in rural parts than in cities like Bangalore or Mysore?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—That is not correct. What happens is that as between the Government quota and the private quota, Government gets its requirements first and to that extent the public will have to suffer, whether it be in the rural or city area.

Sri B. S. SHANKARAPPA.—Cement scarcity is felt more in the rural parts than in cities. What action is Government taking to remedy the situation?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—If that is so, then stockists will have to distribute according to the suggestions of Government and satisfy the consumers.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Q. No. 370.—Member absent.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—In view of the importance of the question I request the Chair to allow me to put the question.

Mr. CHAIRMAN.—Has he the authority of the Member concerned?

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—No, Sir, but the Speaker can under the rules of procedure put the question to the House if he is convinced that it is of sufficient importance.

(Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—*Then entered the House.*)

Sri V. P. DEENAYALU NAIDU.—Sir, I put question No. 370.

FORMATION OF A CORPORATION TO RUN THE KOLAR GOLD FIELDS MINES.

* *Q.*—370. Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU (Cubbonpet).

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have decided to form a Corporation to run the Kolar Gold Fields Mines;

(*b*) if so, under what terms and conditions will such a Corporation function?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).

(*a*) The decision taken previously to form a Corporation to run the Kolar Gold Mines is kept in a obeyance pendings settlesment of the question of the transfer of the Gold Mining Industry in the State to the Central Government.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Sri V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU.—May I know what are the insurmountable difficulties faced by Government in the matter of expediting the formation of a corporation in respect of the K.G.F.